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TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZED

PATRONAGE DISTRIBUTED SALARIES, FIXED AND STANDING COMMITTEES NAMED

Little Change in the Official List—Important Changes in Committees—The Council will Meet Monday Night.

The Town Council for the fiscal year 1902-1903 met Thursday night and organized. George Peterson took the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Ward. Councilmen Farrand, Conlan, Harrison and Unangst resumed their usual places and Wm. Douglass Moore took Mr. Wood's place, and J. M. Walker Mr. Thompson's place.

In opening the meeting Chairman Peterson expressed the hope that the mutual relations of the Council during the coming year would be pleasant and harmonious, and all the acts of the Council carried out with an eye single to the public good and the interest of the taxpayers. The Council then proceeded with the appointment of officers.

For Town Attorney Mr. Conlan named Charles H. Halfpenny and he was unanimously elected.

A. H. Olmsted was named by Mr. Walker for Town Surveyor and was elected. The compensation was fixed at one dollar per hour for services in town work, and Mr. Olmsted to furnish his own help but to have free office room.

For Town Recorder Mr. Unangst named Jabob G. Post and Mr. Moore named George M. Cadmus. Messrs. Unangst, Conlan and Harrison voted for Mr. Post, and Messrs. Moore, Walker, and Farrand for Mr. Cadmus. Chairman Peterson cast the deciding vote in favor of Mr. Post. Salary $250, term two years.

For Overseer of the Poor Mr. Harrison named Adam Lind who was unanimously elected, and the salary was fixed at $180.

Mr. Unangst named Dr. J. S. Wolfe for Town Physician and he was appointed. Salary $200.

Mr. Conlan named Thomas F. Cadmus for Sewer Inspector, and Mr. Harrison named Harry Cooper for Superintendent of Roads. Both were appointed and the salary of each fixed at $720.

For Chief of Police Mr. Walker named the present Chief Louis M. Collins for the term of two years, and he was appointed and the salary made $900 per year.

Mr. Unangst named Robert B. Young for dog warden and J. Henry Martin for dog catcher, and both were appointed. George L. Berry and Alexander McNair were re-appointed pound-masters.

N. Harvey Dodd was re-appointed a member of the Board of Commissioners of Appeal for the term of three years, and for the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the moving of Mr. Linder to the First Ward, Michael N. Higgins was appointed on motion of Mr. Unangst.

Chairman Peterson re-appointed William S. Dodd, and Allen Andrew as members of the Board of Health.

The position of Superintendent of the Fire Alarm System being a matter of contract no action was taken in regard to that office.

No action was taken in regard to the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Chairman Peterson announced the following standing committees: Auditing, Walker and Unangst; Finance and Arrears of Taxes, Conlan and Harrison; Fire, Unangst and Farrand; House and Printing, Walker and Conlan; Legal and Franchises, Moore and Conlan; Lighting, Farrand and Unangst; Maps and Surveys, Farrand and Moore; Police, Unangst and Walker; Poor, Harrison and Walker; Public Grounds, Farrand and Walker; Roads and Gutters, Conlan and Harrison; Sidewalk and Crosswalk, Moore and Walker; Sewers, Conlan and Moore; Water, Harrison and Farrand; Board of Estimate, Moore and Conlan. The Bloomfield CITIZEN was named as the official paper.

The Council will meet on the first and third Monday of each month.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Financial Statements of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer—Summary of General Condition of the Town—Chief Engineer's Annual Report.

The annual report of the Town Council for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1902, has been issued. The tax duplicate for the year amounted to $1[illegible],[illegible].19, of which $131,183.41 was received by the Tax Collector, leaving a balance of $28,909.37 uncollected when the books closed for the year. The total amount received by the Collector for the year, including back taxes of previous years, was $141,125.[illegible] The total amount of unpaid taxes in the Collector's book from 1874 to 1901 inclusive, is $111,[illegible].70. From the year 1891 to 1901 the amount of unpaid taxes is $[illegible], of which $[illegible] is on real estate, and $10,325.41 personal property tax. The Collector paid out to the County Collector $26,746.64, and to the Town Treasurer $121,237.70.

Town Clerk William L. Johnson's report shows the receipts of the town from various sources other than direct taxes. The Clerk turned over to the Town Treasurer the sum of $7,973.20, of this amount $6,660 came from excise licenses, $168 from peddlers and junkmen, $230 from the North Jersey Street Railway Company, $550 from the Orange and Passaic Valley Railway Company, $87.50 from dog licenses, $30 from show licenses, and $247.70 from police court fines.

Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne reports the total receipts of his office from the Collector, the Clerk, discounted notes, and all other sources of income $205,994.57. The Treasurer disbursed this amount as follows: Transferred to the general town account $122,732.62, to sewer assessments $3,197.45, to the Board of Health $13,080.00, to school account $60,984.50.

The school account in detail is as follows: Balance on March 31, 1901, $22,876.60; raised by taxation, $41,500; received from State school money, $19,127.76; miscellaneous receipts, $356.74; total receipts, $83,861.10. The warrants paid on account of schools was $61,626.95, leaving a balance in the school fund on March 15, 1902, of $22,234.15.

The bills payable and unpaid when the books closed March 31, 1902, amounted to $47,947.14, divided as follows: General town account, $32,000; West Belleville Avenue storm sewer, $14,771.23, Essex Avenue and Osborne Street sewer, $675.91. The three last items represent notes issued which will be redeemed by assessments levied on the property directly benefited by the improvements.

In the general town account warrants were paid by the Treasurer for the purposes named as follows: Incidental account, $15,180.51; poor, $3,262.45; water, $7,770.11; road repairs, $10,744.90; fire, $3,272.42; police, $7,292.12; sewer repairs, $2,746.92; bonds and interest, $18,431.21; street lighting, $9,716.94; floating indebtedness, $8,000.

The bonded indebtedness of the town on March 31, 1902, amounted to $339,000, divided as follows: School bonds, $152,000; street improvement bonds, $75,000; thirty-year sewer bonds, $50,000; short term sewer bonds, $32,000; union outlet sewer bonds, $30,000.

In the general summary of the condition of the town affairs, "there has," the report says, "been little change in the sewer system during the past year. A new sewer was constructed in Essex Avenue and Osborne Street, and an ordinance passed for the construction of a sewer in Morton and John Streets."

On the matter of roads, it is stated that the work outlined in the bonding scheme has been completed, and as nearly as possible according to the original plan. The town now contains nearly thirty-six miles of macadam roadway. The condition of the streets is reported to be as good as at any time in a number of years, and can be maintained for less this year unless damaged by storms.

"An excellent police service," the report says, "has been maintained during the past year, and consists of a Chief, six officers and five specials. One hundred and thirty-five arrests were made during the year and $247.70 collected."

The water contract, it is stated, expires on July 1 of this year, and negotiations are now pending that point to a satisfactory agreement for a renewal of the contract.

The street lighting system has been extended during the year along Upper Broad Street to the Passaic County line and several new lights have been placed at other needed points in the town.

The local park system has been enlarged during the year by the improvement of the triangular plot at the junction of Broad and Franklin Streets. Many citizens have taken advantage of the town's offer to pay one-half the cost of setting out shade trees, and a large number of trees have been planted.

In the matter of finances the report shows that the funded indebtedness of the town was decreased during the year by the payment of school bonds $3,000, and union outlet sewer bonds $2,500. The floating indebtedness was decreased by $8,000, and the sewer loan $8,000.

During the year in common with other municipalities in this vicinity, smallpox has prevailed, and to meet this unforeseen expense of the Health Board temporary notes to the amount of $[illegible] have been issued.

On the whole, it is claimed that the financial condition of the town is encouraging, while the floating debt and Board of Health notes amount to $[illegible]. These are offset by unpaid taxes on real estate for the past ten years, which amount to $[illegible], drawing interest at the rate of seven per cent., while only four per cent. interest is paid on the town temporary loans. The largest portion of the bonded debt is for schools, amounting to $152,000. This town's schools are considered to be the equal of any town of the size in the State, and the school property is estimated to be worth $250,000.

The tax rate, the report continues, during the year was $3.25. The prospect for the new rate is that it will be lower. A special committee from the Council is now at work inquiring if a more economical plan can be adopted with a view to materially reducing the tax rate without affecting the efficiency of any department.

In accordance with the usual custom the annual report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is made a part of the town report. The usual good service of the Fire Department has been fully maintained during the year. The department responded to eighteen alarms during the year and the fire losses amounted to only $5,470, and on which there was insurance of $5,260. This is the best showing yet made since the organization of the department in the small amount of fire losses. The Chief reports the fire-alarm system in very bad condition, and says it needs a thorough overhauling. The connecting of the Sprague Company's whistle with the alarm system is considered by the Chief a great aid to the department. The Chief again remonstrates against the stringing of overhead wires particularly in the centre of the town, and he insists that the wires be put under ground. The water pressure has been satisfactory during the year on all occasions of fire. There are now 187 hydrants in the water service. The Chief reiterates the need of better fire-houses and reports Active Hose Company's house as in a dangerous condition and in need of immediate attention.

New Rectory

The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of East Orange met Saturday night and adopted the plans prepared by Brower & Albro, architects, of Orange, for a new rectory to be built on Renshaw Avenue. The plans call for a frame dwelling of modern construction, two stories and a half in height, providing for ten rooms, exclusive of bath, butler's pantry, basement, etc., the whole cost, including that of the lot, which is already bought and paid for, to be $6,000. The new rector, the Rev. William P. Taylor, is now living on William Street. Work on the new rectory will begin as soon as the contracts can be given out, and it is confidently hoped that the rector may be occupying his new home early in the fall.

Serious Accident.

Joseph Callaghan of Franklin Avenue met with a serious accident on Saturday night. In company with his wife he was returning from Newark on a trolley car. Callaghan was on the rear platform of the car and his hat blew off. In getting off the car to get his hat he fell and his head struck the side of the car and slightly fractured his skull. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and conveyed to his home. His injury is not a fatal one.

Nutley Officials Get Points.

The Nutley town officials were here on Monday night and held a long conference with Town Clerk William L. Johnson and Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne as to the methods followed here in the transaction of public business under the town act that has recently been adopted in Nutley.

TOWN COUNCIL.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY NIGHT.

Financial Report for the Month of April Received—Julius Frater Appointed to Take Care of Parks—Memorial Day Appropriation Voted.

The absence of First Assistant Chief Engineer Herman Eichhorn from the organization meeting of the Town Council on Thursday evening, May 1, gave rise to the rumor that the best known of "regular attendants" was displeased with the result of the election and had deliberately thrown up his censorship of office-holders' bills. Mr. Eichhorn dissipated all such rumors by appearing in his usual place Monday night, and bestowed his familiar wink on each office-holder as the salary bills were read off and approved.

The Council of the current year held its first regular meeting on Monday night. The session was a brief one as the various committees are not yet in receipt of their respective appropriations. Clerk Johnson read the minutes of the organization meeting held on May 1, and which were approved.

Councilman Conlan submitted the financial statement of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne for the month of September, and on recommendation of the Treasurer moved that a town note for $5,000 be issued in anticipation of taxes.

Councilman Walker named Julius Frater for reappointment as Superintendent of public grounds at a salary of $150 for the season.

Councilman Moore introduced the appropriation ordinance and the salary ordinance to first reading, and as Chairman of the committee to examine bonds of town officials reported favorably on the bonds submitted by constables and others.

Councilman Unangst moved the appropriation of one hundred dollars for the observance of Memorial Day. The money will be turned over to William S. Pierson, Post G. A. R. Bills amounting to $2,340.47 were read off by the Clerk and ordered paid by the Council.

A number of spectators present looked for some action by the Council in the matter of the appointment of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, but nothing was said in connection with that appointment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

HELD ITS ORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY NIGHT.

Officers Elected and Committees Appointed—Large Reduction in School Expenses—Samuel Elior Appointed a Member of the Board to Fill Vacancy Caused by Dr. Wolfe's Resignation.

The Board of Education held its organization meeting on Monday night. Thomas Oakes was re-elected President of the Board, and William A. Baldwin Clerk. Dr. Jacob S. Wolfe, a member of the Board from the Third Ward, resigned his office so as to accept the office of Town Physician, to which the Town Council recently appointed him. Samuel Elior was elected to fill his expired term.

The following standing committees were appointed: Instruction, F. R. Pilch and William R. Broughton; Buildings, C. W. Martin and F. B. Stone; Finance and Supply, William A. Baldwin and Charles F. Kocher; Maintenance, J. F. Vogelius and Samuel Elior.

President Oakes and F. R. Pilch were chosen members of the Board of School Estimate.

The following appropriations for the following purposes were deemed necessary: Instruction, $38,000; buildings, $3,000; supplies, fuel, etc., $11,000; maintenance, $4,500; total, $56,500. Of this amount the Board of Estimate will be asked to appropriate $33,500, and the remainder will be made up from the town's share of the State school funds, amounting to $23,189.95.

County Superintendent Elmer C. Sherman was present at the meeting and addressed the Board. He urged the continuance of the present standard and efficiency of the schools.

The money asked for school purposes is $8,000 less than the amount expended last year, and will make a material reduction in the tax rate if the Town Council follows suit with an equal reduction in its expenditures.

school children of Canton who could | China. | not be kept from letting fall their | Our country is united to-day in ad- | Kinley's portrait | London 'bus dri | their windows and | probably reach home | their crape on their | about two months. | Clinton Street, Bloomfield.—Adv. | Blue," "Star Spangled Banner," and "Rally 'Round the Flag."